



SOUTHWEST REGION LICC REPORT ~ MAY 2003



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Regional LICC status:

Active LICCs: 9 active LICCs incorporating 19 counties

Inactive LICCs: 2 inactive LICCs incorporating 3 counties

LICCs in development: 5 counties out of 27 not represented

Primary Outcomes of LICCs:

1. Child Find and public awareness
2. Provider Recruitment
3. Council membership and establish a formal council

Summary of activities and accomplishments:

- Dade/Barton LICC ~ held a lunch presentation with the SPOE and invited people within the community
- Jasper LICC ~ held a breakfast presentation with the SPOE and invited people within the community
- Barry/Lawrence LICC ~ Has attended a Baby Affair and a Health Fair with LICC members and the SPOE, discussing future workshops
- Greene/Christian LICC ~ working on their by-laws and establishing an Action Plan
- Children's Resource Connections (Stone & Taney) ~ spoke at local school district parent meeting, establishing By-laws
- Tri-Lakes First Steps Coordination Council (Polk, Hickory, Cedar) ~ Scheduled/plan a child care provider class on FS and developmental red flags, completed by-laws
- Henry/St. Clair/Benton LICC ~ Attend 2 counties' Parenting Fairs and made informing packets for county physicians, FS article for area PAT newsletters
- Phelps/Pulaski ~ developing a targeted Action Plan to present First Steps to physicians and medical facilities
- Laclede/Camden ~ discussing provider needs and Child Find

Summary of identified needs or concerns:

- Concerns that children are not receiving services due to lack of providers
- Providers unwilling to travel to natural environments in the rural areas
- More physician and medical community referrals
- Decreased in rate reimbursement for providers/paper authorizations and billing
- More First Steps brochures to distribute (Funding for supplies and brochures)

Key points and significant information to provide SICC:

1. Most of the LICCs are involved in focused Child Find and Public Awareness activities, many of them are collaborating with their SPOEs for public presentations
2. Many of the LICCs are expressing concern about available providers ~ which include reimbursement, mileage, and how far providers will travel in rural areas
3. Many of the LICCs are working to have established and formal By-laws and membership requirements with focused Action Plans